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1. Early in March 1949, Parliament discussed the proposal for lifting the Parliamentary immunity of Koci Xoxe and Pandit Kristo, but no decision was reached because of certain incidents which reflected the wide sympathy of many members of Parliament for Xoxe, and the hidden indignation and reaction against the Hoxha regime.
2. On 15 March 1949, 20 members of Parliament, followed by many prominent members of the Albanian Communist Party, submitted a memorandum to General Hoxha, demanding the release from prison of Koci Xoxe and the others imprisoned with him. At the same time, officers sympathizing with and sharing the views of Xoxe came to blows with men of the People's Security Police in Elbasan. They resisted an attempt to arrest them as followers of Xoxe. According to subsequent rumors, 10 men had been killed on both sides.
3. General Hoxha, realizing the increased reaction against the measures he had taken in regard to Xoxe and his followers, and the wide sympathy of the people and the Army for Xoxe and the latter's attempts to overthrow the Hoxha regime, intensified his propaganda against Xoxe, Kristo and their followers, trying to convince the people and the Army that these Albanians were traitors and responsible for the people's plight, especially for the lack of provisions.

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